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CLAIM OF: KING TWO ENTERPRISES, INC.,

through its attorney, Matthew D. Crosby 1800 Century Boulevard Suite 1150 Atlanta, Georgia 30345

BY:

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For damages alleged to have been sustained as a result of the demolition of property at 1686 Cecile Avenue, SE on November 11, 1998.

THIS ADVERSED REPORT IS APPROVED

ROSALIND RUBENS NEWELL DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

## **DEPARTMENT OF LAW - CLAIM INVESTIGATION SUMMARY**

Claim No. 99L0082	Date: September 21, 2000
Claimant Wistim WING TWO ENTERPRISE	C INC
Claimant / Victim KING TWO ENTERPRISE BY: (Atty) Matthew D. Crosby	5, INC.
Address: 1800 Century Rouleyard St	nite 1150, Atlanta, Georgia 30345
Subrogation: Claim for Property damage \$ 30	,000.00 Bodily Injury \$
Date of Notice: 02/05/99 Method: Writte	en, proper X Improper
Conforms to Notice: O.C.G.A. 836-33-5	Ante Litem (6 Mo.) X
Date of Occurrence 11/11/98 Place:	1686 Cecile Avenue, SE
Department Planning, Development and Neighborhood Cor	nservation Division: Housing Demolition
Employee involved	
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NATURE OF CLAIM: The claimant alleges his property	was wrongfully demolished by the City. The claimant has
rejected the City's settlement offer and has filed a lawsur	it to resolve the issues raised in this claim.
INVESTIGATION:	
Statements: City employee Claimant	Others Oral
Pictures Diagrams Reports: Police _	Dept Report X Other
Traffic citations issued: City Driver	Claimant Driver
Citation disposition: City Driver	Claimant Driver
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BASIS OF RECOMMENDATION:	
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City not involved Offer rejected	d X Compromise settlement
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	INVESTIGATOR - DIANNE C. MITCHELL
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Claims Manager:	Concur/date 09-2/-00
Committee Action:	_Council Action
FORM 23-61	

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Ms. Diane Mitchell Atlanta City Council Attention: Municipal Clerk 55 Trinity Avenue Atlanta, Georgia 30335

RE: King Two Enterprises, Inc., -vs- City of Atlanta.

Demolition of 1686 Cecile Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30032.

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

Please be advised that this office has been retained by Mr. Nathaniel Solomon, President of King Two Enterprises, Inc., (hereinafter "King Two") in the above-referenced matter. The purpose of this letter is to officially notify you of King Two's claim against the City of Atlanta, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-33-5.

King Two Enterprises, Inc., purchased the above-referenced property on February 2, 1998 from a Ms. Theresa Gurley. The property had been damaged in a fire before King Two purchased it, but still remained structurally sound.

In the next seven (7) months from this purchase date, King Two began preparing to renovate the house by removing burned debris, thoroughly cleaning the premises, and preparing written blueprints of intended repairs that were to be completed on the house.

On November 11, 1998, the City of Atlanta completely demolished the house located at 1686 Cecile Avenue, City of Atlanta, DeKalb County, Georgia 30032 without notifying King Two, the record owner. The City of Atlanta was negligent in failing to provide proper notice of this demolition and such negligence has caused King Two injury in the amount of \$35,000, which is approximately the fair-market value of the house at time of demolition.

Specifically, the City of Atlanta did not comply with the notice requirements of O.C.G.A. § 41-2-12 (f) when it failed to file a notice of lis pendens with the Clerk of the Superior Court in DeKalb County, Georgia with regards to the above-referenced property. This failure to comply on the part of the City of Atlanta was both the actual and proximate cause of King Two's injury.

Accordingly, King Two is entitled to recover damages resulting from the City of Atlanta's

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negligence, including, but not limited to the fair-market value of the house at the time of demolition and all costs of this action, including reasonable attorney's fees.

Upon receipt of this notice, you have thirty (30) days to consider and act upon this claim pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-33-5 (c).

Please guide yourself accordingly,

Matthew D. Crosby

Attorney at Law

cc: Nathaniel Solomon